

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

REGINALD C. HOWARD,

Plaintiff

Case No. 2:23-cv-00673-GMN-DJA

ORDER

v.

D. COLE, *et al.*,

Defendants

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1.) Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter. The Court entered a Screening Order on January 2, 2024. (ECF No. 4.) In February 2024, the Court entered an order imposing a 90-day stay and then entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 10, 12.) The parties did not reach a settlement in mediation. (ECF Nos. 13, 14.)

Plaintiff also filed a motion for summons and service. (ECF No. 8.) The Court denies the motion as moot. (See No. 6 below.)

For the foregoing reasons, it is ordered that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is granted. Plaintiff will not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor. This order granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* will not extend to the issuance and/or service of subpoenas at government expense.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), the Nevada Department of Corrections must

1 pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the
2 preceding month's deposits to Plaintiff's account (Reginald C. Howard, #13891), in the
3 months that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00 filing fee has been paid
4 for this action. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this order to the Finance
5 Division of the Clerk's Office and to send a copy of this order to the attention of the Chief
6 of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 7011, Carson
7 City, NV 89702.

8 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to electronically serve a copy of this order and
9 a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney General of the
10 State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
11 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

12 5. Service must be perfected within 90 days from the date of this order pursuant to
13 Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

14 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 4), within 21 days of the
15 date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office must file a notice advising the
16 Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the
17 names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names of the
18 defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As to any
19 of the named defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service,
20 the Office must file, under seal, but must not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known
21 address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known
22 address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office must
23 attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

24 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff must
25 file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a summons,
26 and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the defendant(s) as to
27 which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address information, Plaintiff
28 must provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

1 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s),
2 such defendant(s) must file and serve an answer or other response to the complaint (ECF
3 No. 5) within 60 days from the date of this order.

4 9. Plaintiff must serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered
5 by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document
6 submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with
7 the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P.
8 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff mails the
9 document to the Court, Plaintiff must include with the original document submitted for
10 filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed
11 to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of
12 appearance, Plaintiff must direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of
13 appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard
14 any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed
15 with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the
16 Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service when required.

17 10. This case is no longer stayed.

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19 DATED this 15th day of day of April 2024.

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23 DANIEL J. ALBRECHTS
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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